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TEL AVIV (UPI) -- FOREIGN MINISTER ABBA EBAN SAID TODAY HE EXPECTS PRELIMINARY TALKS ON DIRECT PEACE NEGOTIATIONS WITH EGYPT TO BEGIN BEFORE THE END OF THE YEAR.

SPEAKING TO NEWSMEN BEFORE LEAVING FOR THE UNITED STATES, EBAN SAID THE ACCORD BETWEEN ISRAEL AND EGYPT WORKED OUT BY SECRETARY OF STATE HENRY KISSINGER DID NOT SET A SPECIFIC DATE FOR A START TO TALKS.

HE SAID, HOWEVER, "IT MAY BE EXPECTED THAT BEFORE THE END OF THE YEAR, TALKS WILL BE BEGUN ON THIS SUBJECT."

"I DEFINITELY HAVE THE IMPRESSIONS THAT PERHAPS WE STAND ON THE THRESHHOLD OF A NEW ERA OF NEGOTIATIONS," HE SAID. "IN ANY CASE, A POSSIBLE NEW OPENING FOR SUCH A CHANCE HAS BEEN MADE."

EBAN REFUSED TO GIVE DETAILS OF THE AGREEMENT ON MAINTAINING THE OCT. 22 CEASE-FIRE THAT ENDED THE 1973 ARAB-ISRAELI WAR. ISRAEL'S NATIONAL RADIO SAID A COMMUNIQUE OUTLINING THE PLAN WILL BE RELEASED SIMULTANEOUSLY IN CAIRO, JERUSALEM AND WASHINGTON AT 8 P.M. (1 P.M. EDT).

ISRAEL'S UNDERSTANDING OF THE U.N. SECURITY COUNCIL CEASE-FIRE RESOLUTION, HE SAID, WAS THAT "THE PARTIES WHO HAVE ACCEPTED THE RESOLUTION HAVE COMMITTED THEMSELVES TO WHAT ARE CALLED NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN THE PARTIES, NOT BETWEEN THE PARTIES AND SOMEBODY ELSE.

"THEREFORE, I HOPE THE SIGNIFICANCE OF THOSE WORDS IS UNDERSTOOD ON BOTH SIDES."

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